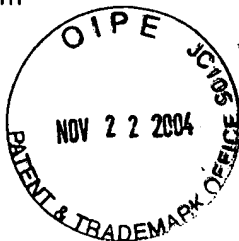


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Title: SURFACE TECHNOLOGY  
Application No.: 10/774,872  
Filing Date: 02/09/2004  
Attorney Docket No.: GRA102USA

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated 5/10/2004, enclosed are:

- A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.
- Credit Card Payment Form(s) PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1,040.00 for extension fees under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
- Substitute Drawings.
- A Return Receipt Postcard.
- A Certificate of Mailing (Below).

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), provided a Petition is not submitted separately.

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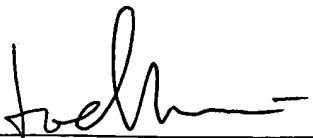
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Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicant(s) requests that a 5 month extension be granted in which to file the attached communication from the applicant(s).

A \$ 1,040.00 payment, for a ☒ small ☐ large entity, is ☒ enclosed ☐ authorized to be paid from Deposit Account No. 19-2381, for the extension fee required under 37 CFR 1.17.

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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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